

LOYALISTS

The Settlement of the
Eastern Townships by the
Loyalists: Myth or Reality?

Student's Workbook
For elementary school



PRÉPARATION - ÉTAPE 1

INSTRUCTIONS

A historian's work sometimes resembles the work of a detective. By using evidence from the past, the historian seeks to understand the daily reality of individuals who lived in another time, just as the detective seeks clues to understand what happened when a crime was committed. Today, you will explore the lives of Loyalists to come to settle in the Eastern Townships region.

- / In teams, you will try to understand the elements of context related to the social realities faced by the Loyalists.
- / You will be divided into four different stations that will each contain the documents you will need to analyse with the help of questions that will be given to you. Each station is in fact a piece of the puzzle that will allow you to better understand the challenges faced by the Loyalists.
- / You will then be your station's "expert". You will be placed in another team with members of the other stations in order to share what you learned.

STATION 1

Your task is to understand who the Loyalists are. Use documents 1, 2 and 3 of the **Documentary Record** to answer the following questions.

1. Where did the Loyalists come from?

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2. Why were they called Loyalists?

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3. Where did they decide to settle in Lower Canada? Why?

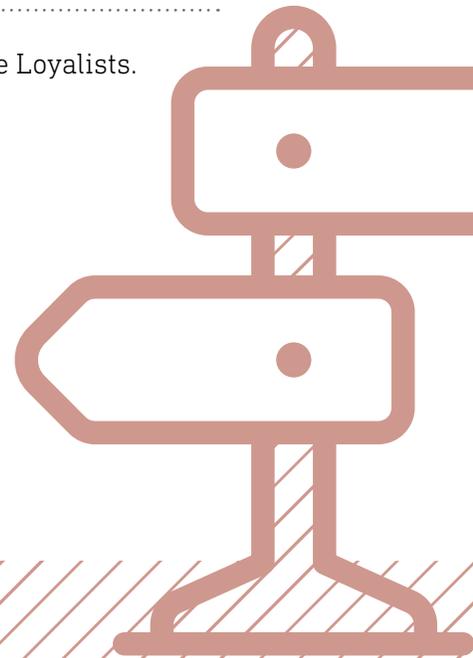
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4. Using Document 3, trace the outlines of the townships that were settled by the Loyalists.

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Your job, as an expert on Loyalists, is to explain who these people were to the members of the other stations. The maps will help you with this task.



STATION 2

Your job is to understand what is meant by the Loyalists' refugee status and to introduce John Savage to your team members. Use Documents 4, 5 and 6 to help you answer the questions below.

1. In your opinion, what is a refugee camp?

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2. Refugees must escape a particular danger. Which one?

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3. Who is John Savage?

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4. Locate the Noyan seigneurie on the map provided in Document 4.

5. What arguments does John Savage use to obtain a township?

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6. Document 6 is official proof of John Savage's arrival as a refugee. It is an authentic document. What kind of document is it? Please describe the document.

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Your job, as an expert on Loyalist refugees, is to explain the notion of refugee status to the members of other stations and to use John Savage as an example.



STATION 3

Your job is to understand the territorial changes that took place following the Constitutional Act and their consequences for the Loyalists. Use Documents 7, 8 and 9 to answer the following questions.

1. What became of the *Province of Quebec* following the Constitutional Act?

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2. How were the lands divided?

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3. What was the name of the region in Lower Canada where Loyalists were allowed to settle?

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4. Document 8 is official proof of John Savage's request for land. It is an authentic document. What kind of document is it? Please describe it.

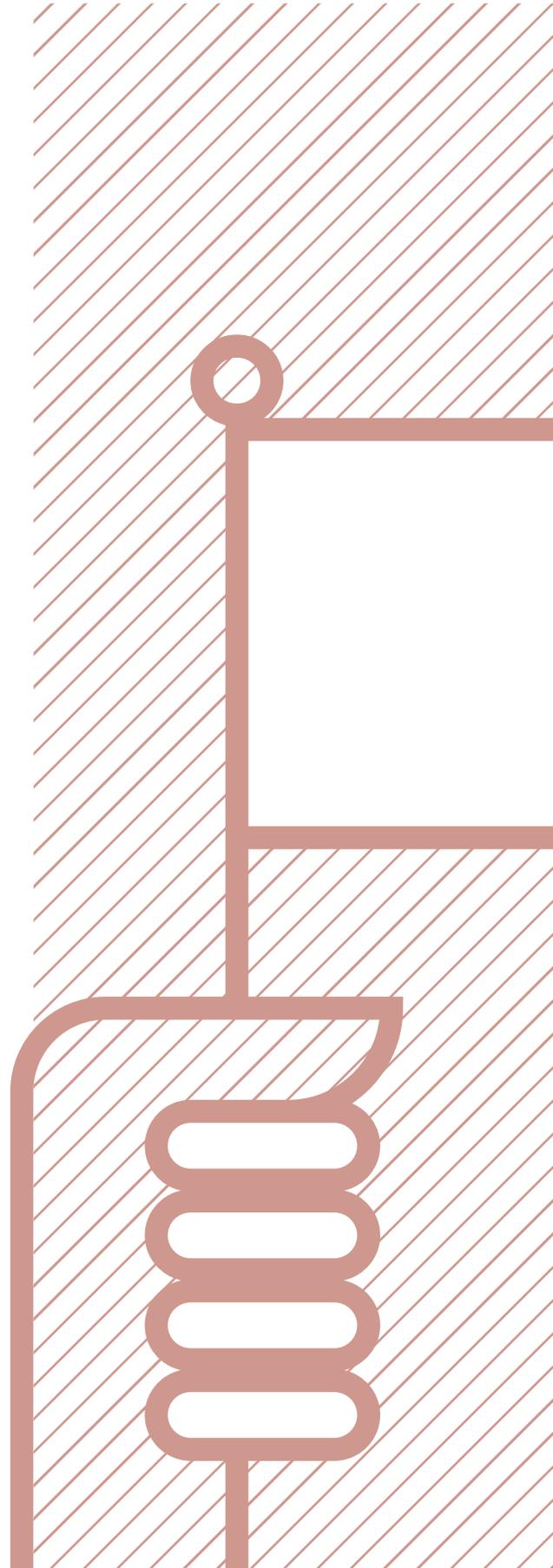
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5. Does this document prove that John Savage is entitled to land? Why?

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Your job, as an expert of the Constitutional Act, is to explain the territorial changes that followed this event to the members of other stations and to illustrate the relationship of the Constitutional Act with John Savage. Use the maps to help you out in this task.



STATION 4

Your job is to explore the challenges faced by Loyalist pioneer John Savage and his family. Use Documents 10, 11 and 12 to answer the questions below.

1. What dangers do pioneers face when they arrive in Shefford?

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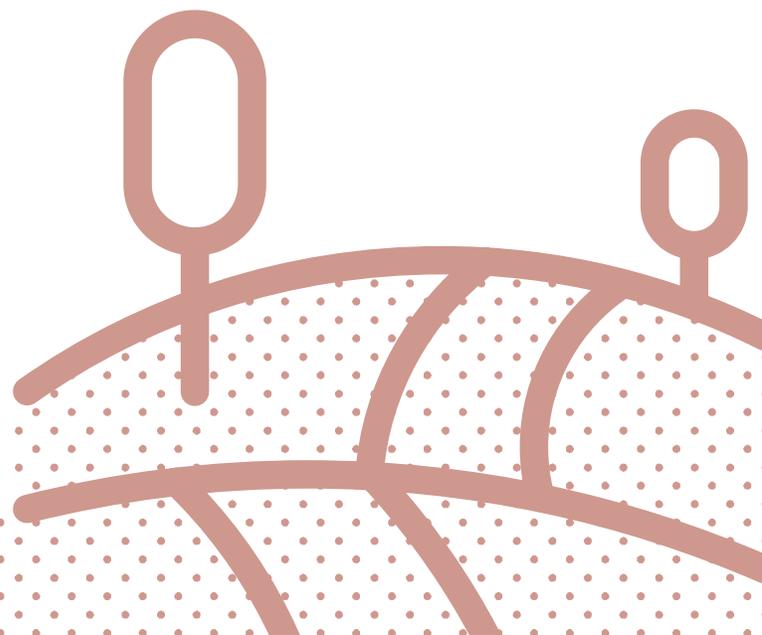
2. Why was the first winter spent in Shefford difficult for John Savage and his family?

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3. On the map provided in Document 11, trace the route taken by John Savage and his family in the winter of 1792.

4. In this period, cars did not exist and no roads had yet been built in the Eastern Townships. How do you think people travelled? What challenges could pioneers face?

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SHARING – STEP 2

Pioneer Experiences of the Eastern Townships Loyalists

Your job, as an expert of the realities lived by the Loyalists, is to explain to the members of the other stations how John Savage and his family arrived in Shefford and how they experienced this migration. Use the maps to help you illustrate your explanation.

	Note Taking
Station 1 The Loyalists	
Station 2 John Savage is an example of a Loyalist refugee	
Station 3 The Constitutional Act and the territorial changes that followed	
Station 4 Challenges faced by pioneer John Savage and his family	





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